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SUBJECT: LOCAL COMMEMORATION OF POLYTECHNIC UPRISING

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1. THESSALONIKI UNIVERSITY STUDENTS HELD THREE-DAY OBSERVANCES FOR LAST YEAR'S POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL UPRISING HERE NOVEMBER 22-24. WHILE DOMINATED BY LEFTIST STUDENT GROUPS, PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT INCIDENTS AND WITH PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

2. HEADQUARTERS FOR LOCAL PROGRAM WAS THESSALONIKI HIGHER INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL WHICH FEATURED EXHIBIT OF PHOTOS AND LITERATURE ON POLYTECHNIC UPRISING. LITERATURE OF PRO-CHINESE ANTI-FASCIST ANTI-IMPERIALIST GREEK FRONT (AASPE) AND REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREECE (EKKE) DISPLAYED PROMINENTLY AT ENTRANCE OF SCHOOL.

3. EXHIBITS VISITED NOVEMBER 24 BY NEWLY-APPOINTED MINISTER FOR NORTHERN GREECE NICOLAOS MARTIS. FURTHER OFFICIAL SUPPORT FOR PROGRAM EVIDENT IN RESOLUTION PASSED BY THESSALONIKI UNIVERSITY FACULTY AND SIGNED BY NEW RECTOR MOLIOITIS, EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH POLYTECHNIC CAUSE.

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4. OBSRVANCES CONCLUDED NOVEMBER 24 WITH RALLY AT

ARISTOTELOUS SQUARE ATTENDED BY ESTIMATED CROWD OF
10-15,000. GROUP ADDRESSED BY NUMEROUS STUDENT
REPS, PRESIDENT OF THESSALONIKI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
AND REP OF THESSALONIKI LAWYERS FOR DEMOCRATIC
RENEWAL. CROWD DISPERSED AFTER MARCH DOWN CENTRAL
BOULEVARD WITH BANNERS AND SLOGANS AGAINST JUNTA,
FASCISM AND IMPERIALISM. POLICE RESERVES STATIONED
BEHIND CONGEN, BUT MARCHERS MADE NO ATTEMPT TO
APPROACH BUILDING.
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